

From the
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

see form PCT/ISA/220

WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY
(PCT Rule 43*bis*.1)

Date of mailing
(day/month/year) see form PCT/SA210 (second sheet)

Applicant's or agent's file reference
see form PCT/ISA/220

FOR FURTHER ACTION
See paragraph 2 below

International application No.
PCT/B2004/052883

International filing date (day/month/year)
21.12.2004

Priority date (day/month/year)
21.01.2004

International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC
B01D63/06, B01D69/04, B01D69/06, B01D69/10

Applicant
VERNOCCHI, Valerio

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I | Basis of the opinion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1 (a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT1SA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/SA/220.

Name and mailing address of the ISA:



European Patent Office
D-80298 Munich
Tel. +49 89 2399 - 0 Tx: 523656 epmu d
Fax: +49 89 2399 - 4465

Authorized Officer _____

Hoffmann, A
Telephone No. +49 89 2399-8610



10/586207

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

International application No.
PCT/IB2004/052883

JAP2008030701 10 13 JUL 2006

Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - ☐ in written format
 - ☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
 - ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

International application No.
PCT/B2004/052883

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	3-10
	No: Claims	1,2,11,12
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	3-10
	No: Claims	1,2,11,12
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-12
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING
AUTHORITY (SEPARATE SHEET)**

PCT/IB2004/052883

The following documents are cited in the Intern. Search Report:

- D1: WO 90/04451 A (WHITE, TESSA, JANE; WHITE, ROGER, STANLEY) 3 May 1990 (1990-05-03)
- D2: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 2002, no. 12, 12 December 2002 (2002-12-12) & JP 2002 239353 A (SUMITOMO ELECTRIC IND LTD), 27 August 2002 (2002-08-27)
- D3: US-A-4 071 937 (ROHLIG ET AL) 7 February 1978 (1978-02-07)
- D4: EP-A-1 040 860 (NIPPON SEISEN CO., LTD) 4 October 2000 (2000-10-04)
- D5: EP-A-0 561 001 (NIPPON SEISEN CO., LTD) 22 September 1993 (1993-09-22)
- D6: GB-A-1 313 795 (MINNESOTA MINING MFG CO) 18 April 1973 (1973-04-18)
- D7: US-B1-6 217 764 (BELLHOUSE BRIAN JOHN) 17 April 2001 (2001-04-17)
- D8: DE 39 08 828 A1 (STRAUB, HARTWIG, 6965 BEROLZHEIM, DE) 27 September 1990 (1990-09-27)
- D9: WO 00/29098 A (ORELIS; LIOU, JUN, KONG; THORAVAL, VALERIE; JOULIN, JEAN-PIERRE) 25 May 2000 (2000-05-25)
- D10: US-A-5 454 947 (OLAPINSKI ET AL) 3 October 1995 (1995-10-03)
- D11: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 2000, no. 19, 5 June 2001 (2001-06-05) & JP 2001 029761 A (ATHENE KK), 6 February 2001 (2001-02-06)

POINT V:

1. The subject matter of claims 1, 2, 11, 12 is not new with regard to D1 or D2 (relevant passages see search report) Article 33(2) PCT.

But see also the other x-documents for the claims as indicated in the search report.

2. The subject matter of claim 3 (and of the claims dependent on claim 3) fulfils the requirements of Articles 33 (2) and (3) PCT.